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DIA FOR DR; JCS FOR NMCC AND J-3  
 SUBJ: TREATMENT OF AMERICANS (U)  
 REF: UR 152253Z NOV 74

1. (S) GIVEN US GOVERNMENT FORCEFUL DEMONSTRATION TO EGYPTIANS OF DESIRE TO AVOID FURTHER ESCALATION OF TENSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST, BELIEVE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO INSURE SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN EGYPT SHOULD ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES RESUME. IN VIEW MERCURIAL ARAB TEMPERMENT, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST THAT LOCAL POPULATION COULD REACT UNFAVORABLY TOWARD AMERICANS WHOM THEY WOULD NATURALLY SEE AS PERSONIFICATION OF COUNTRY FURNISHING ADVERSARY WITH MEANS TO WAGE WAR. OLD-TIMERS IN CAIRO STATE LARGE MAJORITY OF POPULATION RETAINED FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS US CITIZENS DURING OCT 73 WAR. THERE IS NO KNOWN REASON TO DOUBT SIMILAR REACTION, AT LEAST IN INITIAL STAGES OF ANY NEW CONFLICT. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, SITUATION DETERIORATED RAPIDLY, ONE MIGHT EXPECT ADVERSE EGYPTIAN REACTION.

2. (S) FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, BELIEVE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DURING INITIAL PHASE OF ANY CONFLICT WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO PROTECT MINESWEEPING FORCE IN CANAL. RATIONALE IS BASED ON OFTEN-REPEATED EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO AVOID RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. IF HOSTILITIES ARE RESUMED, HOWEVER, EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY VIEW LONG TERM OBJECTIVES AS REQUIRING RETENTION OF FAVORABLE US ATTITUDE WHICH THEY WOULD CONSIDER A PLUS FACTOR IN EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING TERMINATION

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OR PAUSE IN HOSTILITIES. BELIEVE EGYPTIAN THINKING AND PLANNING IS INFLUENCED BY HISTORICAL FACT THAT CONFLICTS WITH ISRAEL WHILE AT TIMES INTENSE, HAVE BEEN OF SHORT DURATION AS A RESULT OF INTERVENTION BY THE SUPERPOWERS. THE "FIGHT--PAUSE--AND NEGOTIATE" CYCLE WHICH THEY FREQUENTLY CLAIM IS BASIS FOR ISRAELI ACTIONS IN PAST CONFLICTS IS BELIEVED TO BE AN INFLUENCING FACTOR IN EGYPTIAN DECISION MAKING PROCESS. ALSO, GIVEN CURRENT EFFORTS BY EGYPTIANS TO REBUILD SAGGING ECONOMY AND GAINING US CONFIDENCE IN VALUE OF EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP, COUPLED WITH STATESMANSHIP SO FAR EVIDENCED BY PRESIDENT SADAT, DOUBT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO BURN ITS BRIDGES WITH US. GOVERNMENT WOULD THEREFORE TAKE MEASURES TO AVOID INCURRING US OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL.

3. (S) SUMMED UP, FROM LIMITED INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE, BELIEVE AMERICANS IN EGYPT INCLUDING MEMBERS OF TF 65,5 WOULD BENEFIT FROM EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT PROTECTION AT LEAST DURING INITIAL PHASES OF RENEWED ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES. ASSUMING HOSTILITIES INITIALLY INVOLVE ONLY ISRAEL AND SYRIA, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO REMOVE FLAGSHIP AND TANK FORCE PERSONNEL. TWO OTHER FACTORS MIGHT BE ADDED HERE:

A. THE PREMATURE REMOVAL OF TF 65 AND FLAGSHIP WOULD UNDOUBTABLY ESCALATE TENSIONS. EGYPTIANS WOULD PROBABLY VIEW SUCH ACTION AS INDICATION US AWARE OF SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT.

B. IF MASSIVE US AIRLIFT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ISRAEL TAKES PLACE AND ARABS SUFFER SEVERE SETBACK, THEN WE MIGHT EXPECT STORMY ANTI-US REACTION.

4. (U) THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR.

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TO: GENERAL GUAY

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJ: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

REF: WHP 47

1. FOLLOWING YOUR REFTEL WE INQUIRED INTO ACTION BEING TAKEN  
RE SALE OF JEEPS AND OTHER VEHICLES TO EGYPT. STATE AND  
DEFENSE ARE EXPEDITING A DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.

2. MEMO TO PRESIDENT FOR DECISION IS PRESENTLY BEING PRE-  
PARED BECAUSE SALE OF THIS EQUIPMENT WHICH, THOUGH COM-  
MERICAL IN CHARACTER, HAS MILITARY OVERTONES AND IS TO BE  
USED BY EGYPTIAN MILITARY, IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE SOME  
QUESTIONS FROM CONGRESS AND OTHER QUARTERS ABOUT DIRECTION  
OF OUR POLICY.

3. BELIEVE THAT FOR MOMENT YOU SHOULD TELL EGYPTIANS NO  
MORE THAN THAT REQUEST IS BEING GIVEN ATTENTION WHICH ITS  
URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE REQUIRES.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE. WARM REGARDS.

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